

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Yamada et al.)	Group Art Unit 3617
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Appl. No.	:	Unknown)	
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Filed	:	Herewith)	
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For	:	WATER PRECLUSION)	
		SYSTEM FOR WATERCRAFT)	
		EXHAUST)	
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Examiner	:	Unknown)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered before examination of the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2-21 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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COMMENTS

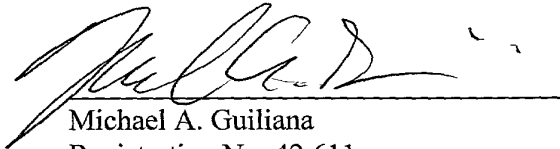
By the foregoing amendments, Applicant cancels all Claims except Claim 1. No new matter is added by these amendments. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of these amendments before examination by the Examiner on the merits begins.

Respectfully submitted,

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